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To the Commanding Officer – directing him to make regular and particular reports of the Benjarries who may pass thro the different districts under his observation and desiring him to afford every assistance to them in their progress 395 –

From Ditto – In consequence of former orders of a similar nature he had apprehended and sent to the Presidency several Deserters and European foreigners – states the mode he had adopted 471

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Ongole

To the Officer Commanding – directing him to make regular and particular reports of the Benjarries who may pass thro the different districts under his observation and desiring him to afford every assistance to them in their progress 395 – To Ditto – conveying to him the purport

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of the orders of this date to Colonel Vigors - and directing him in case Captain Taylor should not have joined the detachment before its arrival at Ongole. to take the command of it upon himself. 409 - From Ditto - Mentions that the Hydrabad escort. had proceeded on from Ongole - he was himself unable to accompany it - The Nizam's troops are not much to be depended on - Major Macleod had arrived at Ongole 448.

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President and Governor General
The Right Honble Lord Mornington K P.

Proposes to dispatch the Osterly to endeavour to interrupt Mr. Dubuc and other french partizans in the Service of Tippoo Sultaun who are about to leave Tranquebar 68 - Minute thereon Ibid - Inform that he will send private Instructions to Messrs. Grant and Wallace at Mayaveram and at Karical on the foregoing subject 72. Proposes that the 10th Regiment of Foot expected to arrive from Europe. be directed to proceed immediately to Columbo. and that in order to prevent that Regiment from

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coming to Madras - a small vessel to be sent to Cruise off the Island of Ceylon for the purpose of meeting the Fleet. and conveying the necessary orders on this Subject. 156. Resolution thereon 157 - Proposes that the Ship Experiment be engaged for the foregoing purpose. and immediately dispatched Ibid. Order thereon. 158 - Lays before the Board the Partition treaty of Mysoor and enters into a full explanation of the circumstances under which it was concluded 486 The partition treaty ratified 512 - Lays before the Board the subsidiary Treaty of Seringapatam 513 - Lays before the Board copies of his correspondence with the Commissioners for the Affairs of Mysoor and of their Proceedings 529 - The Treaty ratified and dispatched to the commanding officer at Seringapatam with orders to present it to His Highness the Rajah 531 - Proceedings &ca of the Mysoor Commissioners 532 @ 1211. Copies of the Partition treaty of Mysoor and of Subsidiary treaty of Seringapatam - dispatched to Bengal and Bombay 1211 - Lays before the Board his instructions to Major General Brathwaite for the formation of detachment in the Southern

Provinces

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Provinces 1249 – Proposes to disarm the whole of the Southern Polygars. and that Major J. Bannerman be appointed to execute this service 1253.

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His minute – Containing various particulars and suggestions relative to the defence of Madras and its vicinity and regarding supplies of Grain 202 – Minute thereon 211 – Lays before the Board a copy of his Letter to the Officer Commanding in Mysoor on the subject of collecting a force to repel any attack from the enemy's fleet said to be destined for this Country 1277 – He states his opinion that intelligence regarding on enemy's fleet is not authentic 1282 – His Minute – records a dispatch from the Governor General – regarding a publication of the Prize Committee Explains the circumstances attending the publication of that address Lays before the Board different drafts founded on the instructions of the Governor General – States his intention of recording a minute respecting the provisions in camp at the conclusion of the Seige of Serringapatam 1283 Order thereon 1326 .

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Revenue Board

Circular Letter to the Collectors under this Presidency desiring them to make the strictest search in all the villages under their Superintendence for foreigners of every discription and to make a minute and accurate report of the result of their enquiries to Government 423 – From the Collector in the Jaghire. Mentions the steps he has taken in consequence – Gives a particular account of a frenchman of the name of Vernicourt. whom he has confined in Chinglepett – Encloses a list of the inhabitants of Sadras 455 – To – informing them of the resolution to disarm the whole of the Southern Polygars – Enclosing for their information Copy of Major Bannerman's instructions – The necessity of unanimity between the Commanding Officer and the Collector strongly urged – They are directed to publish such a proclamation amongst the Polygars as may be suited to the occasion 1261 – Copy of the letter to Revenue Board to be entered on the records of the Revenue department at a future period, and the whole of the proceedings

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proceedings regarding the subjection of the Polygars to be hereafter transferred to that department 1265.

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Seringapatam vide Mysore

Ships

To Commander of the Osterly—informing him that intimation has been received that a vessel has been prepared at Tranquebar to receive on board Mr. Dubuc an agent of Tippoo Sultaun and three Vakeels—desiring him to repair immediately to Tranquebar—and giving him instructions regarding his future conduct 68— The Experiment be engaged to cruize off the Island of Ceylon for the purpose of delivering the necessary orders to the Commander of the Regiment and to the Senior officer of the Fleet expected from Lisbon 156— Order thereon 157— To Commander of the Experiment— transmitting to him dispatches for the Commander of the fleet expected from Lisbon and for the Officer Commanding the 10th Regiment of Foot giving him particular instructions for the future guidance of his conduct 158. To the Commander of the Ship Dublin—directing him to receive on board of

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his ship a detail of the 29th Dragoons and to sail in search of a french vessel which has appeared off Nagore Roads - detailing to him Instructions for his guidance 232 - Commission to Mr G Johnston - appointing him Commander of the armed ship Experiment 302 - To Captain George Johnston - directing him to take upon himself the Command of the Experiment and enclosing him a Commission to that Effect - directing him to use the utmost expedition in reaching his destined Port - Copy of the orders given to Captain Malon enclosed 303. To, Captain Malon of the Experiment - informing him that Captain G. Johnston has been furnished with a Commission for taking on himself the command of the Experiment and directing him to see that due obedience is paid to him 305.

Southern Detachment

The Governor General lays before the Board his instructions to Major General Brathwaite for the formation of detachment in the Southern Provinces 1249 - To Major General Brathwaite - giving him instructions for the formation of a detachment in the Southern Provinces Ibid. The Governor General proposes to disarm the whole of the Southern Polygars & that Major J. Bannerman be appointed to execute this service 1253 To Major John Bannerman - communicating to him

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the intentions of Government to desarm the whole of the Southern Polygars and appointing him to execute this service - detailing his instructions Ibid. The Governor General lays before the Board letters to the Revenue Board and to Major General Brathwaite 1261. To the Board of Revenue - informing them of the resolution to desarm the whole of the Southern Polygars - Enclosing for their information Copy of Major Bannermans instructions - The necessity of unanimity between the Commanding Officer and the Collector strongly urged - They are directed to publish such a proclamation amongst the Polygars as may be suited to the occasion Ibid To Major General Brathwaite - Major Bannerman has been appointed to command the detachment he was directed to form on the 4th Instant - Copy of the instructions to that Officer inclosed 1264 - Copy of the letter to Revenue Board to be entered on the records of the Revenue department at a future period, and the whole of the Proceedings regarding the subjection of the Polygars to be hereafter transferred to that Department 1265

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Tanjore

To the Resident - Informing him it is deemed a matter of essential importance to have plentiful supplies of grain

collected

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collected at Caverypooram and desiring him to use his utmost endeavour to effect that object giving him particular instructions for his guidance 388 - To D.o - Informing him that it is deemed and object of great importance to establish a considerable depot of grain to the South of the Cavery and directing him to advance the most plentiful supplies that can be procured to Caroor and Errode - detailing to him instructions for his guidance - Enclosing to him copy of a letter which has been wrote to the Collector at Dindigul and the Commanding Officer at Errode and Carroor - 411 - To D.o Copy of Circular letters to the Collectors enclosed upon the subject of removing all European foreigners from the territories dependent on this government 426 - From D.o - the subject of storing grain at Caverypooram - details the steps he has taken towards employing with his instructions - He has drawn on Government for 30,000 Pagodas 434 - To D.o - the intention of forwarding supplies for the army by the Caverypooram pass is relinquished, and the Bullocks intended for that service must be sent to Kistnagherry and Ryacottah - The Bullocks not yet dispatched to Caverypooram must be stationed on the Southern bank of Cavery - no depot to be formed at Caroor or Errode - Copy of a letter to the Collector at Dindigul enclosed 482 - To the Commanding Officer desiring him to

evacuate

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evacuate Tanjore in the event of his receiving an application from Mr. Torin to that effect Instructions given him respecting the Stores 1267

Treasury Clerk of

Ordered that a Charter party with the owners of the Experiment be drawn out and that in advance of three thousand Pagodas be made from the Treasury the Charterparty to be Lodged in the board of Trade 158

Trichinopoly Warriore and the Southern Division of the Army

From the Officer Commanding - Major Bannerman informing him that two Battalions of the Rajah of Travancore were to leave Alipi on the 1st February for Palamcottah - States the force that he means inconsequence to assemble in the neighbourhood of Trichinopoly and the measures he proposes afterwards to pursue 73 To Do - transmitting to him copy of the Garrison Cypher which are to be returned to the Secretary's Office where there is no longer any necessity for their using them in the course of their public correspondence 184 To Do - Informing him that advices have been received from Bengal of the intention of the Vice President in Council to embark His Majesty's 76th Regiment for Negapatam

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Negapatam in order that they may form a part of the Division under his command — He is directed to provide camp equipage and whatever else may be required for their marching 212 — From D^o. mentions that four companies of His Majesty's 19th Regiment of Foot had arrived at Negapatam — Encloses copy of a letter from the Adjutant General to the army communicating to him a plan of future operations in the conduct of the detachment under his command with which he shall conform as expeditiously as possible 233 — From D^o. transmits Statements of the strength of his Detachment and of the probable expence attending it — mentions the measures he proposes to adopt — applies for an increase of his allowances — giving information of an attack on Garicottah 271 — From D^o. mentions the steps which had been taken towards the defence Garicottah against the attempts of the banditte who had attacked it he has been disappointed by the refusal of the Nizams Party — to advance to the defence of that place — he will not march from Trichinopoly until the 29th. 283 — minutes thereon 287 — To D^o. communicating to him the intention of Government to collect a considerable number of draft and carriage cattle — the principal depot of which

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will be in the vicinity of Trichinopoly he is not to lose sight of this object in his future operations without he may have received instructions from the Commander in Chief to the contrary 295 - To D^o^ - the movements and arrangements reported in his letter of the 25^t^ and 26th Ultimo approved giving him a controling power over the revenues of the Southern Provinces granting him 300 Pagodas a month for table allowance - The Collector at Dindigul has been authorized to manage in concert with him the Districts which may submit to his detachment 297 - To the Commanding Officers at Carror and Erode inclosing copy of Circular Letter to the Collectors upon the subject of removing all European foreigners from the territories dependent on this Government, and directing them to afford all the assistance in their power 414 Circular Letter to the Commanding Officers of forts and garrisons inclosing Copy of Circular letter to the Collectors upon the subject of removing all European foreigners from the territories dependent on this Government 426. To the Officer Commanding Enclosing copy of a letter to the Collector at Dindigul and desiring him to afford such assistance as may be required by Mr Collector Hurdis 482 - To D^o^ - informing him if the orders given to the commanding Officer at Tanjore

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for the evacuation of that place - He is to state to the Military Board his opinion as to the expediency of moving the grain and other Store 1269

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Vellore

To the Commanding Officer - Informing him of the escort that is about being dispatched with the treasure intended for camp, which is to be relieved from the Garrison of Vellore - giving him instructions regarding the conveyance of it to Kistnagherry 300 - To the Garrison Storekeeper - directing him to dispatch all the Bullocks he may have already engaged or that he may have it in his power to entertain with loads of Rice to Caverypooram 394. To the Officer Commanding - directing him to make regular and particular reports of the Benjarries who may pass thro' the different districts under his observation and desiring him to afford every assistance to them in their progress 395

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